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REF: BANGKOK 33285

1. ACCORDING TO THE THAI PRESS DECEMBER 29 POLICE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL, GEN. MONCHAI PHUNKHONGCHUAN, SIGNED
DOCUMENTS ON DECEMBER 27, ENDING ATTEMPTS TO PROSECUTE
FORMER PRIME MINISTER THANOM KITTIKACHON, FORMER DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER PRAPHAT CHARUSATHIAN, AND FORMER POLICE
COL. NARONG KITTIKACHON. THE PUBLIC PROSECUTION DEPARTMENT
HAD EARLIER RULED THAT THERE WAS NOT SUFFICIENT EVID-
ENCE TO BRING CHARGES AGAINST THE TRIO IN COURT. (REFTEL)
THIS BRINGS AN OFFICIAL END TO THE NUMEROUS GOVERNMENT
INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TRIO FOR
THE DEATH OF DEMONSTRATORS DURING THE OCTOBER, 1973, UPRISING.

2. RELATIVES OF THANOM, WHO IS A MONK AT
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WAT BOWONNIWAT, HAVE TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE WILL
BE LEAVING THE MONKHOOD WITHIN TWO MONTHS. EMBASSY
HAS RECEIVED REPORTS THAT PRAPHAT WILL RETURN
FROM TAIPEI SOME TIME IN JANUARY. NARONG, WHO
IS IN DUSSELDORF, GERMANY, IS NOT EXPECTED
BACK IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

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